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Applicant: Thomas E. Place  
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Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 is sought by a verified statement filed with the application.

In compliance with applicant's duty under 37 CFR § 1.56(a), an Information Disclosure Citation (Form PTO/SB/08A) is transmitted herewith with 5 references.

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